

LIGHT-HOUSE AT INDIAN RIVER BAR.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

RELATIVE TO

*The establishment of a light-house at Indian River bar.*

MAY 3, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS relative to the establishment of a light-house at Indian River bar.

Whereas that vast extent of country watered by Indian river and its tributary streams is growing rapidly in importance as it becomes known, and its many natural advantages being more and more developed; and whereas a large settlement composed of many intelligent and enterprising individuals, anxious to improve a country already blessed by Providence, has within the last few years been formed upon Indian river and St. Lucie sound, and is rapidly increasing, and, as a necessary consequence, vessels are frequently brought along the coast, and into Indian river; and whereas a long and dangerous coast intervenes between St. Augustine and the nearest light-house north, and cape Florida, the nearest light-house south, a distance of two hundred miles—consequently it is considered a hazardous undertaking for vessels to approach the coast, and the inhabitants of the country are compelled to pay exorbitant prices to masters of vessels to induce them to come there; and whereas it is at present difficult for mariners to find Indian River bar, on account of the peculiar similarity of the coast in that latitude, and there being no visible mark by which to distinguish it; and whereas the construction of a light-house at Indian River bar would remedy all these evils and serve as a landmark of safety to all unfortunate mariners, who, by the danger of the sea, might be cast upon the coast, and would be of great and almost inestimable importance to that portion of country above alluded to, in many other respects than those enumerated here: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That our Senators and Representative in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to use their best exertions to procure an appropriation from Congress for the construction of a light-house at Indian River bar.

*Be it further resolved,* That as soon as this preamble and resolution

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shall have passed both houses, and been approved by the governor, a duly authenticated copy thereof be forwarded to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

Adopted by the House of Representatives December 31, 1846.

ROBERT BROWN,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

M. D. PAPY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted by the Senate January 5, 1847.

D. H. MAYS,

*President of the Senate.*

H. ARCHER,

*Secretary of Senate.*

Approved January 6, 1848.

W. D. MOSELEY,

*Governor of Florida.*